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The Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to refer to his note verbale SCPC/7/91(4-1), which draws attention to paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Security Council resolution 700 (1991).

In this connection, and in accordance with paragraph 4 of resolution 700 (1991), the Permanent Representative of Spain is pleased to transmit the following information concerning measures adopted by the Government of Spain to fulfil the obligations set out in paragraph 24 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991).

Following the invasion of Kuwait by Iraqi troops, the Spanish Government in August 1990 adopted a series of measures (Ministerial Orders of 4 and 6 August, pursuant to Regulations (EEC) 2340/90 and 3155/90), imposing general sanctions on the export of defence matériel to Iraq, immediately suspending the issuance of export licences and instructing all Spanish customs units to freeze any operation which might already be under way.

Since August 1990, the Interministerial Board with responsibility for monitoring external trade in defence matériel and in products and technologies susceptible to dual use (a body comprising representatives of the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs whose responsibility it is to authorize or to refuse export licences for defence matériel and which monitors implementation of and compliance with the sanctions) has granted no new licences for exports to Iraq; any permits relating to contracts authorized prior to the imposition of the sanctions have been cancelled.

The ban on exports or imports of defence matériel to or from Iraq applies to all types of equipment, including spare parts, and also covers the transit, temporary import and export and deposit in a free-trade zone of such matériel.